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MOTION BY SUPERVISOR YVONNE B. BURKE

April 17, 2007

WHEREAS, the number one preventable cause of death and injury of children and young adults is the automobile collision; and

WHEREAS, more than 100 child passengers under sixteen were killed and more than 15,000 injured in automobile collisions in California in each year; and

WHEREAS, up to 71% of these children would be alive today if they had been properly restrained in crash-tested safety seats, boosters, or safety belts; and

WHEREAS, infants and young children are not capable of initiating action to use proper restraints and are not protected adequately by automatic belts or air bags; and

WHEREAS, only about 60% of children in this age group are protected by restraint use ON EVERY RIDE; and

WHEREAS, crash-tested safety seats are moderately priced and widely available for purchase at retail stores and at low cost from car safety seat distribution programs throughout California; and

WHEREAS, the State of California has ruled that until children are six years of age or sixty pounds, they must be restrained in safety seats or boosters, in the back seat, when riding in motor vehicles and that all other occupants must be properly restrained in safety seats or safety belts; and

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WHEREAS, SafetyBeltSafe U.S.A. has been dedicated for 27 years to protecting children from injury or death while being transported in a motor vehicle:

NOW BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES THAT APRIL 22-28, 2007, BE DECLARED SAFETY SEAT CHECKUP WEEK.

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